Trivandrum—Poovar Bus Service.

128 *MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN: Will the Government be pleased to state the reason why the Trivandrum-Poovar bus service was stopped?

MR. E. G. SALTER: There has never been a Trivandrum-Poovar Bus service.

MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN: May I know whether there was any bus service from Vizhinjam to Poovar?

MR. E. G. SALTER: As far as I know there never was a bus service from Vizhinjam to Poovar.

Shuttle service between Trivandrum and Attingal.

129 *MR. K. A. MATHEW: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware of the necessity for the starting of a transport shuttle service between Trivandrum and Attingal?

MR. E. G. SALTER (*Director of Transport*): Yes. But due to shortage of rolling stock it is not possible to start such a service at present.

MR. A. NESAMONY (*Kalkulam cum Vilavancode*): May I know who fixes the various bus stops on the various roads?

MR. E. G. SALTER: The bus stops are fixed in reference to the public need. But when buses come heavily over-loaded it is not possible to stop them on the route.

MR. A. NESAMONY: Has any representation been received from the people of Nagercoil that certain bus stops should be restored?

MR. E. G. SALTER: Yes, Sir.

MR. A. NESAMONY: Has any action been taken in the matter?

MR. E. G. SALTER: No, Sir.

State Transport.

130 *MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have decided to extend the State Transport from Quilon to Alleppey?

MR. E. G. SALTER: No.

MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN: May I know the reasons for not extending the service?

MR. E. G. SALTER: I would suggest, without being offensive, the reasons are so obvious. The Transport Department would be failing in its duty to the public of Travancore if it starts new routes when it is not able to maintain service on the existing routes fully.

Waiting room at the Tiruvalla Bus stand.

131 *MR. K. A. MATHEW: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware of the inconveniences caused to the travelling public owing to the want of a proper waiting room at the Tiruvalla Bus stand?

MR. E. G. SALTER: There is a waiting room at the Bus stand.

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MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know whether the present waiting room is also used as a garage?

MR. E. G. SALTER; No, Sir.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: Will the honourable member kindly enquire and find out whether it is used as a garage or not?

MR. E. G. SALTER: It is too small to be used as a garage.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: I know that the room that is now called waiting room is used as a garage.

MR. E. G. SALTER: I have certainly seen it. There are two garages one on each side and in between there is a waiting room. The room is perhaps too small for a waiting room.

Plywood Factory Ltd., Travancore.

132 *MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU (*Karunagapalli* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to give the following information regarding the Plywood Factory Ltd., Travancore:

(*a*) whether the Travancore Government have taken any shares in it;

(*b*) what is the proportion in which the shares of the company are held by Travancoreans and non-Travancoreans;

(*c*) whether there is any contract between the Government and the Company, and if so, the terms of the contract;

(*d*) whether the company is paying any income tax to our Government;

(*e*) who are the managing agents of the Company;

(*f*) has any Travancorean submitted a proposal to start and conduct a similar concern; and

(*g*) have the Government invited any one in Travancore to take up the industry?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR (*Conservator of Forests*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 50 per cent. each.

(*c*) Yes. A copy of the agreement is placed on the Secretary's table.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Sir Chinubhai & Sons, Travancore, Ltd.

(*f*) No.

(*g*) It was and is quite open to anyone in Travancore to start such an industry.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU: May I know whether any private industrial magnates in Travancore offered to take up the Plywood concern?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR: No, Sir.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU: Have the Government taken the first step of calling indigenous talents before they went in for outside capitalists?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR: Government considered the best interests of the factory.

PRESIDENT: Before further questions are put I want to make the position clear. This is not a monopoly factory. As I have mentioned if any other entrepreneurs wanted to start Plywood factories, there is no objection to start any number of such factories. Government came

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